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Examiner: Gartenberg, Ehud

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Attorney Ref. No.: 003-072

For: PREMIX BURNER AND METHOD OF

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ELECTION AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 13 July 2004, which set a one-month shortened statutory period for response, please amend the application as follows. Applicant files a Petition for Extension of Time (five months) and the applicable fee concurrently herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Kindly replace the Abstract with the Abstract following on a separate sheet.